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REDUCTION IN POSTAL PARCEL SERVICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to protect the Postal System keeping in view the challenges being faced by Private Courier companies in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to reduce the tariff on Postal Parcel Services in the Islands to mainland; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) & (b) The Department of Posts is providing market oriented services like Speed Post, Business Post, Express Parcel Post, Bill Mail Service, National Bill Mail Service etc to provide fast and time bound delivery of documents, parcels and business related correspondences. All postal articles including parcels destined to and originating from Andaman and Nicobar Islands are transmitted by air to facilitate fast and timely delivery. Department of Posts has increased the number of Speed Post booking centres to 33 in the Islands, thus providing express mail services even in the remotest islands and all major towns and villages, Further, collection of Speed Post articles from customer's premises has also been commenced in the Islands.

(c) & (d) There is no proposal to reduce the tariff on postal parcel services in the Islands to the mainland at present.